After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB19-1006 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and substitute:

"SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-31-310, add (1.5)(b)(V) and (8.8) as follows:

23-31-310. Forest restoration and wildfire risk mitigation grant program - legislative declaration - technical advisory panel - definitions - repeal. (1.5) Legislative declaration. The general assembly hereby:

(b) Determines that:

(V) GIVEN THE CHALLENGING CONDITIONS OF COLORADO'S FORESTS AND THE IMMINENT RISKS OF CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRE, IT IS CRITICAL THAT STATE FUNDING OF THE GRANTS PROGRAM BE INCREASED FOR THE 2019-20 STATE FISCAL YEAR AND THAT GRANT MONEY BE EXPENDED ON AN EXPEDITED BASIS TO THE GREATEST EXTENT PRACTICABLE TO FULFILL THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

(8.8) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT ANY ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR THE 2019-20 STATE FISCAL YEAR TO THE FUND CREATED IN SUBSECTION (8.5)(a) OF THIS SECTION BE EXPENDED ON GRANTS THAT WILL SUPPORT THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF EFFECTIVE FOREST MANAGEMENT FUELS REDUCTION PROJECTS TO REDUCE THE IMPACTS TO LIFE, PROPERTY, AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE CAUSED BY WILDFIRE.

SECTION 2. Appropriation. For the 2019-20 state fiscal year, $3,000,000 is appropriated to the department of higher education for..."
allocation to the board of governors of the Colorado state university
system to be deposited into the forest restoration and wildfire risk
mitigation grant program cash fund created in section 23-31-310 (8.5),
C.R.S., for the use of the forest restoration and wildfire risk mitigation
grant program created in section 23-31-310, C.R.S. This appropriation is
from the general fund.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,
determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
preservation of the public peace, health, and safety."

Page 1, strike lines 103 through 105 and substitute "CONNECTION
THEREWITH, CLARIFYING THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT THAT STATE
FUNDING OF THE EXISTING FOREST RESTORATION AND WILDFIRE RISK
MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM BE INCREASED AND MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION.".

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